



# Morning Highlights

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## Nenana Ridge Prescribed Research Burn Update

The Nenana Ridge research burn is scheduled to begin today at 1 pm. Weather conditions over the central interior are forecasted to be warmer and dry today.

For more information about the burn, visit: [Nenana Ridge Prescribed Burn update](#)

## Fire Update

41 active fires are burning across Alaska. Six of those fires are staffed:

Cobalt Creek	36 personnel	895 acres	
Mountain Village	2 personnel	13 acres	tentative demob 6/17
Yellow River	8 personnel	43 acres	tentative demob 6/17
Holokuk River	46 personnel	323 acres	fire is 100% contained
Franklin Creek	4 personnel	4,888 acres	
Tonclonukna Creek	25 personnel	44,725 acres	

## New Fires

One new AFS fire, six new State fires and one false alarm near McGrath were reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Tuesday. In total, the fires burned less than five acres during the reporting period.

The Slate Creek Fire located approximately 10 miles south-southeast of Livengood was reported by a passing aircraft. It was started by lightning and was 1 acre in size burning in black spruce and mixed hardwoods. The fire is being monitored.

The Zimmerman Creek Fire was caused by lightning and is located on the west side of the Iditarod River approximately 5 miles west of Iditarod burning in tundra and black spruce. Helicopter 920 with a bucket responded and knocked down the flames.

The Caribou Creek, Iditarod and Bell Creek Fires located near Iditarod were also started by lightning, but were declared natural outs by Helicopter 920 out of McGrath.

The 10 mile Cache Creek Fire off the Cache Creek Road in the Fairbanks Area was reported by a resident. DOF engines responded and contained and controlled the smoldering, human caused fire at 1835. It was declared out at 2040.

The Kime Fire in the Palmer area located at Mi. 66.5 of the Parks Highway was apparently the result of a downed powerline. A DOF engine out of Palmer extinguished the fire at 1837.

Additional information about fires burning in the southwest portion of Alaska may be obtained

by calling 907-574-0300. The <http://fire.ak.blm.gov> Interagency Newsroom also hosts news releases directly from the southwest area.

For a map of fires visit: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php> Note: The map takes time to load.

## Smoke

People in Alaska may experience smoky conditions this summer, depending on wind direction and fire activity. For information about how you can protect yourself, please visit: <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>

## Burn Permits

Please contact your local Division of Forestry Office for permitted burn information. A burn ban is in place in southeast Alaska.

## Additional References

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
  - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
  - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
  - National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
  - Guide to Wildland Fire Suppression in AK: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/flash/Media%20Guide%20to%20AK%20Wildland%20Fire%20Suppression.pdf>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group- Education and Reference Materials: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/06Firewise.pdf>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
- Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm>
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: [www.muni.org/fire](http://www.muni.org/fire)
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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